

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 17, 2024

*8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion*

\*You are invited to stand

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#### GATHERING

PRELUDE

**“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”**

Gay Lyn Ferry

*-Hal H. Hopson*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **C Amen.**
- P** Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

- P** Holy God, **C we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**
- P** Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

**“Lift High the Cross”**

**ELW #660**

#### \*GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

\*KYRIE *(sung)*

front of ELW pg.147

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for

the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **☩ Amen.**

## ☿ WORD ☿

### **FIRST READING**

**L** A reading from Jeremiah

*At conclusion of reading*

**L** The Word of the Lord. **☩ Thanks be to God.**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*Pew Bible, Page 721*

### **PSALM** *(Sung Responsively)*

**Psalms 51:1-12**

**A** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out<sup>1</sup> my offenses.

**☩ Wash me through and through<sup>1</sup> from my wickedness, and cleanse me<sup>1</sup> from my sin.**

**A** For I know<sup>1</sup> my offenses,  
and my sin is ev-<sup>1</sup>er before me.

**☩ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil<sup>1</sup> in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right<sup>1</sup> in your judgment.**

**A** Indeed, I was born<sup>1</sup> steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my<sup>1</sup> mother's womb.

**☩ Indeed, you delight in truth<sup>1</sup> deep within me, and would have me know wisdom<sup>1</sup> deep within.**

**A** Remove my sins with hyssop, and I<sup>1</sup> shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur-<sup>1</sup>er than snow.

**☩ Let me hear<sup>1</sup> joy and gladness; that the body you have broken<sup>1</sup> may rejoice.**

**A** Hide your face<sup>1</sup> from my sins,  
and blot out<sup>1</sup> all my wickedness.

**☩ Create in me a clean<sup>1</sup> heart, O God, and renew a right spir-<sup>1</sup>it within me.**

**A** Cast me not away | from your  
presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from  
me.

**C** Restore to me the joy of | your  
salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful  
Spirit.

## SECOND READING

**L** A reading from Hebrews

*At conclusion of reading*

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

*Pew Bible, Page 1091*

**L** The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Sung)*

**front of ELW pg. 151**

**C** Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and  
abounding in steadfast love.

## \*GOSPEL

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**John 12:20-33**

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

*Pew Bible, Page 980*

*At conclusion of reading*

**L** The gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to you, O Christ

## MEDITATION

**Pastor Karen Boda**

## \*HYMN OF DAY

**“As The Winter Days Grow Longer”**

**ACS #924**



1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;  
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,  
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light —  
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer —  
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo-ple, here we gath-er, turn - ing watch-ful eyes to you:  
 Lent - en peo-ple, here we gath-er, seek - ing lives re-freshed from sin.  
 Wan-d'ring peo-ple, here we gath-er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless-es earth with spring-time, shine with-in our world a - new!  
 God who bless-es earth with spring-time, bloom with-in our hearts a - gain!  
 God who bless-es earth with spring-time, grant us sab-bath joy this day!

### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**☒ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "Hear us, O God." worshippers respond with the words, "Your mercy is great".*

### **TEMPLE TALK**

**Michael Epstein**

### **\*PEACE**

**☐ The Peace of the Lord be with you always. ☒ And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.)*

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

*The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received.*

### **OFFERING ANTHEM**

### **"Glorify Your Name"**

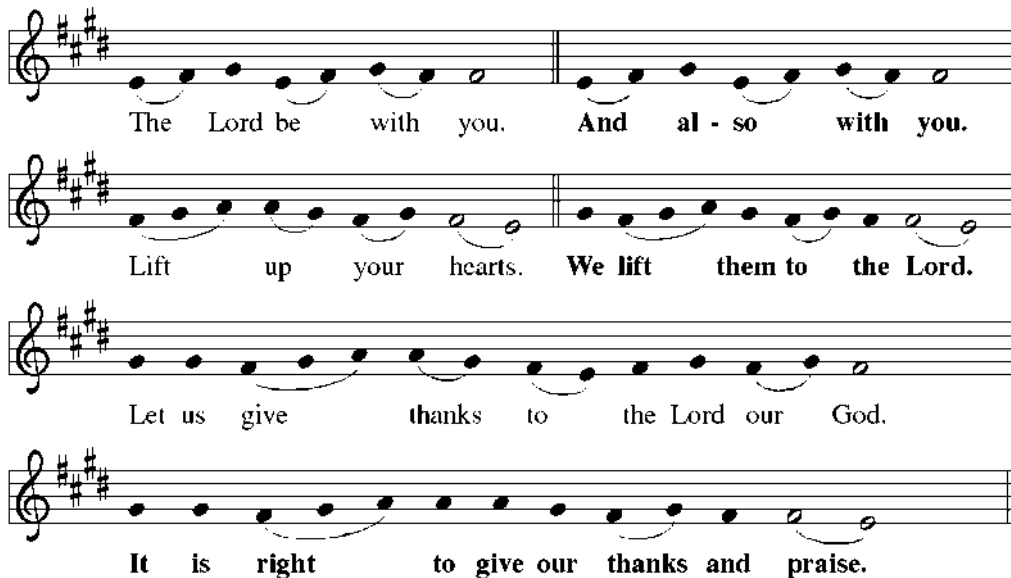
**Chancel Choir**

*-Words and Music by Donna Adkins; Arr. Pam Weinelt*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**A** Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**C** Amen.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

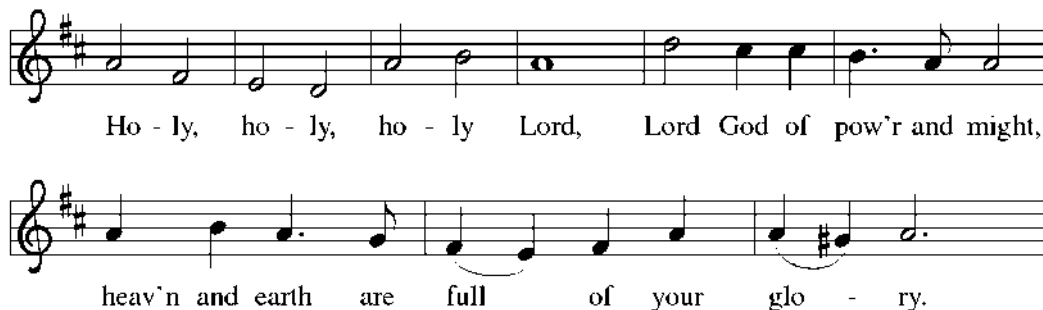
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right...praise your name and join your unending hymn



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



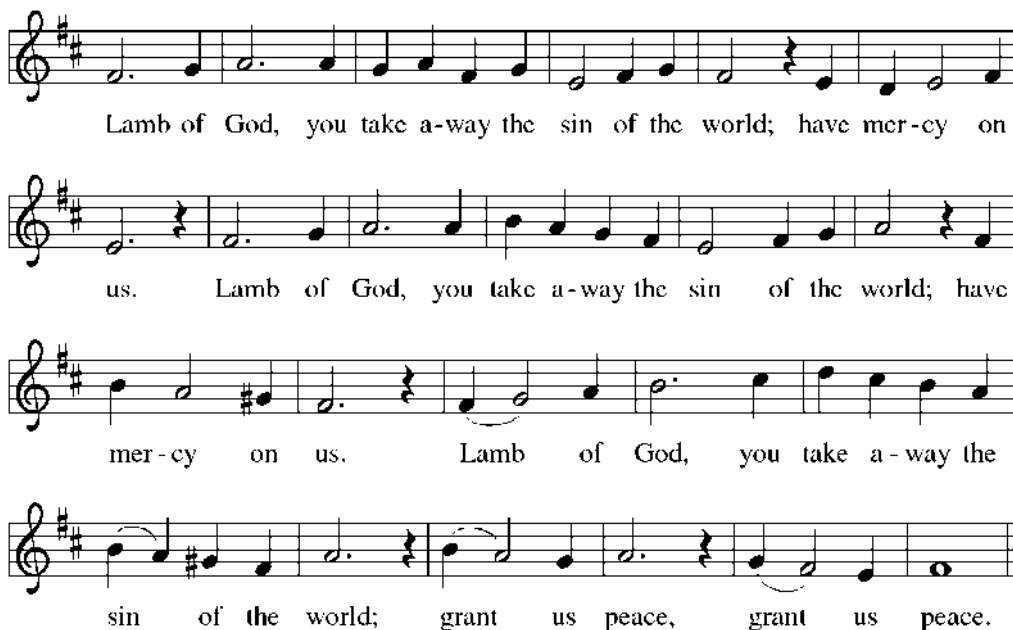
## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD



## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”

ELW #334 vs. 1-3, Lent 5

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

ELW #494

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **A** Amen.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **A** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

 SENDING 

### \*BLESSING

**P** Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**A** Amen.

\*SENDING HYMN “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

ELW #772

### \*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**A** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Gay Lyn Ferry

—Janis Dunson Wilson

*“Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you.”*

*Romans 15:7*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.*

## GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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Pam Weinelt..... Praise Team Coordinator  
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.....& Office Coordinator  
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